

House Resolution 2257

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Gardner of the 57th, Harbin of the 118th, Heard of the 114th, McKillip of the 115th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame was established by the University of Georgia
3 as part of the school's 2000 millennium celebration; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the University of Georgia Libraries established the Georgia Writers Hall of
5 Fame to recognize Georgia writers, past and present, whose work reflects the character of the
6 state, its land, and its people; and
- 7 WHEREAS, this amazing collection of talent will be permanently housed at the new Hargrett
8 Library currently in construction at the university which will also house the Hargrett Rare
9 Book and Manuscript Library and the Georgiana Collection; and
- 10 WHEREAS, organizers conceived the Hall of Fame as a library reference, designed to
11 introduce interested groups to the university's unparalleled collections of Georgia literature
12 and literary source materials; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame's online presence includes a virtual pantheon or "cyberhall"
14 of digital portraits, capsule biographies, and bibliographies of the authors' published works;
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame annually solicits nominations from the public and turns the
17 eligible nominations over to a board of volunteer judges, made up of 12 to 20 academics,
18 civic leaders, librarians, and publishing professionals selected for rotating three-year terms
19 by the director of the University of Georgia Libraries, who also chairs the board; and
- 20 WHEREAS, eligible nominees must have been either a native of Georgia or have produced
21 a significant work during or subsequent to a substantial time in Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, at the Hall of Fame's opening in 2000, 12 famous writers from Georgia's history
23 were inducted and since then two Georgia writers are added annually; and

24 WHEREAS, Hall of Fame honorees include the likes of Raymond Andrews, Erskine
25 Caldwell, W.E.B. Du Bois, Henry W. Grady, Joel Chandler Harris, Martin Luther, King, Jr.,
26 Sidney Lanier, Ralph McGill, Margaret Mitchell, and Ferrol Sams; and

27 WHEREAS, the Oconee County area is home to two Georgia Hall of Fame inductees, Phillip
28 Lee Williams and Terry Kay; and

29 WHEREAS, along with honoring the authors whose works constitute Georgia's rich literary
30 heritage, the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame program highlights the University of Georgia as
31 a major proponent of Georgia literature and letters and provides avenues for outreach in
32 communities and schools, as well as encourages interaction and participation among writers,
33 librarians, and readers.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend the outstanding work of the Georgia Writers Hall of
36 Fame in preserving this state's great literary works and honoring Georgia's amazing authors.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Writers Hall
39 of Fame.